## Important Dates

### March

**Fri 6th**  
Division Swimming Sports - selected students  
Preps Incursion - 'Proud to be Me' production in the Multi purpose room

**Mon 9th**  
Labour Day - no students at school today - no assembly!

**Weds 11th**  
Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Numeracy Interviews)

**Thurs 12th**  
‘Cuppa & Chat’ with the Principal & Assistant Principal @ 9am in the Staffroom

**Fri 13th**  
Living Safely with Dogs Activity - Preps & Juniors

**Mon 16th**  
House Cross Country - grade 3-6 students

**Wed 18th**  
Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Numeracy Interviews)

**Thurs 19th**  
Planning Week

**Fri 20th**  
Division Tennis Championships - selected students

**Mon 23rd**  
Prep Parents Night Out - Barking Dog from 7pm

**Tues 24th**  
Juniors Big Day Out - more information to come

**Wed 25th**  
Region Swimming Sports - selected students

**Wed 25th**  
Grade 4 Camp

**Weds 25th**  
Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Numeracy Interviews)

**Thurs 26th**  
Adolescent Education - grade 6 students

**Fri 27th**  
Adolescent Education - grade 6 students

**Term 1 Ends** - 2:30pm finish!
School Council Election results.

At the close of nominations last week, the number of vacancies matched the number of nominations received. So I have great pleasure in announcing the appointments of the following community members –

Parent members:  
- Nicole Tarka,  
- Gwyneth Morrison,  
- Anita Elliott,  
- Mark Sears,  
- Catherine Johnston and  
- Sean Hines.

DET employees:  
- April Bassi,  
- Alicia Wakeman and  
- Jeannette Orford.

These Council members will join other ongoing members for the first meeting Monday March 16th.

Thank you to all the above community members and I hope they find their appointments to be both challenging and worthwhile, as they support policy development and school strategic planning.

Name the boat competition.

Students have been invited to submit suggestions for naming the new boat (in the sandpit). The playground renovations are well underway and we hope this will be completed prior to the end of this term. Suggested names are invited into the box at the General Office, with the boat name suggested and the student’s name, by the end of this week. An engraved wooden plaque will be attached to the new sandpit boat showing the winning entry.

Clean up Australia Day at Mano

At lunchtime on Monday a large number of enthusiastic Mano students donned gloves or selected a set of tongs and a bag or bucket to pick up rubbish within our school grounds. While the grounds were looking pretty tidy as a result of so many nude food lunches and careful use of bins for our rubbish, they looked sensational after our cleanup!

Thank you to all who gave up some or all of your playtime to assist!

I received a Thank you email from Clean Up Australia Day and I’d like to share some of that with you…

‘It’s official! 25 years on and Clean Up Australia Day is bigger and better than ever thanks to our Clean Up volunteers. This year you joined an estimated 526,268 volunteers at 6,165 clean up sites across the country. Thanks to your efforts, an estimated 13,563 tonnes of rubbish was removed from our local streets, parks, beaches, waterways and bush land.

On behalf of all of us at Clean Up Australia, thank you again for your contribution to Clean Up Australia Day 2015 and helping to preserve our environment.’

Keep up the great effort everyone!

Mrs Hines

Special Religious Instruction (SRI).

Notices have been issued this week to Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students asking parents if they wish their children to be included in SRI classes, which can commence in term 2 (as have been previously conducted at Mano).

A voluntary contribution of $10 can be made to support the cost of related workbooks but involvement in the program is not dependent upon this.

When numbers are known a timetable will be created to deliver these 30 minutes sessions for participating students.

Students not participating will be offered regular weekly classroom activities.

Retaining Wall.

During the Term 2 holidays we are anticipating the retaining wall between the oval and Purrumbete Ave is to be rebuilt. This will mean that for the most of Term 2, the oval will be mostly unavailable.

No Assembly.

There will be no assembly next Monday 9th March due to the Labour Day long weekend.

Communication is vital! Keep reading the newsletter.

Lets keep Unleashing Potential

Barry Rowland  
Principal
Congratulations to the following students who have been rewarded for their efforts

PH NICHOLAAS SPANNINGA - For being a wonderful, responsible class member who makes great behaviour and learning choices!

PS RUBY BURNS - For always being a polite and considerate class member and asking for permission to leave the classroom!

PT MALIYAH EVANS - For consistently being a responsible class member! Well done on a great start to school, Maliyah!

JB LILLIAN CURRIE - For her positive approach to everything to do with school and for being well organised with her belongings!

JT AMY HICKS - For listening to her friends and being a polite class member in JH! Great work, Caeley!

MA MASON MCKENZIE - For always using his manners when asking to leave the room! Awesome work, Mason!

MS EMILY FOOT - For settling an outstanding model for the class in being organised, responsible and an independent learner!

MB AIMEE WHYTE - For continuously making the most of her learning time and always using courteous manners when asking permission before going anywhere!

MP RILEY JOHNSON - Riley always uses great manners when asking to leave the room! Keep up the wonderful work, Riley!

MS LOGAN YOUNG - Logan is a super eager student and a very caring classmate! He is always on the ball and demonstrates great responsibility in all areas of school life! You’re legendary, Logan!

SC ALEX BOUTHORN-ASHCROFT - For knowing and showing how imperative it is to always seek permission to leave the room, collect important items and complete special tasks! Great leadership, Al!

SV GRACE MATHIESON - During the day Grace constantly demonstrates the importance of safety by ensuring she has permission to leave the classroom! Glorious, Grace!

Working with Childrens Check

Are you looking to help out in your childs classroom, or at a school sporting event? If so you will need to apply for a Working with Childrens check. An application for a volunteer check is done online and is free. Once you have applied it may take a week or two for your card to arrive, once it has bring it up to the office so we can take a copy of it to keep on file.


**Art Award**

Kaisercraft are kindly sponsoring a weekly Art Award this term. Each week one student will receive a $20 Kaisercraft voucher. This week’s Art Award goes to:

**HUNTER CARMICHAEL** - For making a magnificent start in Art this year!

**Manifold Heights Primary School Cross Country**

The Manifold Heights Primary School Cross Country for children in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be held on Monday 16th March at the Fyansford Common. The event will commence at 10:45am. If any parents of children participating can act as an official on the day could you please fill our and return the form

**Event times:**

- 11:00am - Girls 10 years and under
- 11:20am - Boys 10 years and under
- 11:50am - Girls 11 years
- 12:15pm - Boys 11 years
- 12:30pm - Girls 12/13 years
- 12:50pm - Boys 12/13 years

**School Sport Victoria Sporting Team Selection**

Last week students from Manifold Heights Primary School attended selection trials for the North Geelong Division Sporting Teams. We congratulate Sophie (Netball), Isaac (Australian Football), Billy (Basketball) and Oscar (Basketball) on being nominated to attend these trials. We look forward to hearing more about the trials!
If you have you may have noticed a couple of new features in the ‘eForms’ tab. These features include a Change of Details and Absentee form. You may complete this form if your child has been sick or otherwise absent from school. Once filled out, this form is automatically sent to the Schools email address and entered into the system for Teachers to see. You will not need to contact the School or fill out a blue absence form if you have already submitted this online form.

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